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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's prices. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to last week. The market tone was steady to fully steady, at times firm. Demand was light to very good, mostly in a range of moderate to good. Supplies were in close balance to tight for extra large and adequate to occasionally ample on the remaining sizes. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were unchanged with the balance of prices higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for all sizes. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to instances very good, mostly moderate to good. Loose egg sales were light to mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance to tight for jumbo and extra large and adequate to instances ample on the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers

	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-49	40-46	LARGE	21-30	25
LARGE	38-48	39-42	MEDIUM	11-15	13
MEDIUM	20-30	20-25	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for a mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-67	53-56
LARGE	46-60	51-55
MEDIUM	23-36	28-30

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices increased 6 cents, mediums up 4 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Distributive movement generally moderate. Supplies adequate to in close balance with some packers purchasing additional product to fill orders. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offers adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
LARGE	50.5-59	52-54
MEDIUM	26.5-35	28-31

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone ranged steady to mostly fully steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for a moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-58	52-55
LARGE	43-56	50-53
MEDIUM	23-34	27-31

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to close for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	60-64
LARGE	58-62
MEDIUM	35-39

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	48-52
LARGE	45-54	46-48
MEDIUM	27-36	30-32

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 3-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings mainly adequate. Small benchmark price 43.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	82
MEDIUM	63

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-229	
MEDIUM	179-199	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 26, 2005 will decrease by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 19, 2005 were 242,419 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	202,422	39,997	242,419

% change from the prior week.....

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-28	28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was irregular, but generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow, but clearing according to set processing schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13.75	13.00

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.26

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	30-Jun 2004	30-Jun 2005	31-Jul 2004	31-Jul 2005
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,755	2,870	2,567	2,832
Yolks	1,104	966	1,387	1,028
Whole & Mixed	10,798	12,919	9,495	12,629
Unclassified	3,599	2,926	3,271	3,143
Total Frozen Eggs	18,256	19,681	16,720	19,632

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 22, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	10.1	4.3	9.2	10.3	41.7
	Change	0.8	2.5	-0.6	-0.8	1.2	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	34.7	8.9	19.5	32.6	118.9
	Change	-1.0	-3.5	-6.0	-0.7	1.2	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	39.0	139.9	41.3	72.6	80.6	373.4
	Change	-1.6	-13.1	-8.2	-6.0	-0.4	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.4	57.8	19.3	28.8	36.0	159.3
	Change	1.9	-5.6	0.7	0.7	-1.3	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	10.8	9.2	6.5	12.2	6.6	45.3
	Change	1.6	-1.3	0.0	4.3	0.3	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	45.0	9.4	18.3	6.1	83.5
	Change	0.3	5.3	1.9	2.9	-0.5	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.6	39.0	9.6	26.3	27.4	119.9
	Change	1.7	-5.8	-3.1	9.9	-8.3	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	120.5	335.7	99.3	186.9	199.6	942.0
Percent	Change	3%	-6%	-13%	6%	-4%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	942.0	-3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.5	5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1206.5	-2%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 08, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 08, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 19, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS											
10.00								15.75								25.75											
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			ORG	DST					
GL W XL	—	—		—	—		42.00	—	3.00			GNR W 1	—	38.00		—	—	—		—	—		—	—	6.00		
GL W LG	—	—		—	—		33.50	—	2.00			GL W XL	—	47.00		—	—	—		54.00			—	—	4.00		
GL W MD	—	—		—	—		—	—	.50			GL W LG	—	47.00		—	—	—		47.00			—	—	2.25		
GL W SM	16.00	18.50		—	15.00		12.00	—	2.00			GL W MD	—	23.00		—	—	—		—			—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		—	—	5.00																		
NRBS - 39	—	—		—	—		16.50	18.00	3.00																		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/15/05-08/19/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
87.50								59.25								146.75							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	28.00	39.00	30.00	30.80	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	35.50	—	—	—	40.50	9.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	45.15	—	46.00	—	46.24	21.75								
GL W XL	—	36.00	40.00	43.28	34.79	36.00	35.25	GL W LG	32.00	43.32	—	43.70	31.50	36.87	30.25								
GL W LG	—	41.60	32.25	35.67	30.86	33.00	44.25	GL W MD	19.50	23.35	—	15.50	—	25.00	7.00								
GL W MD	—	16.00	13.50	15.00	14.72	16.87	13.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	14.00	15.00	2.00								
GL W SM	16.67	18.83	13.00	14.67	12.00	—	6.00	GL BR LG	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL BR LG	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	6.00								
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	—	—	24.00	26.18	32.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	15.00	17.00	13.00	16.86	11.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	14.13	15.75	4.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/15/05	08/08/05	08/16/04
PACIFIC COAST	231	243	159
LOS ANGELES	226	238	107

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	69.69
LARGE	62.72
MEDIUM	41.84
SMALL	33.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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